

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-6

Topic: The Importance of Mentoring

INTRODUCTION: Most of the people who have excelled in their fields of _____ and in their particular _____ have had the privilege of being mentored by some other experienced person.

I. THE PRINCIPLE OF MENTORSHIP:

A. The Learning – Theory:

1. The learning process begins often with classroom learning where a _____ or professor stands before a group of students and disperses _____ through a lecture.
2. This part of learning is essential to give the mental _____ to the learner who needs to have a clear understanding of the _____ before advancing to the next stage.

B. The Learning – Practical:

1. Once the theory part of the learning process is _____, the next step for the student is to learn how to take the knowledge acquired and put it into a working _____ in the field.
2. It can be difficult in some cases for a student to find a company or an _____ to begin to work with in order to gain _____.

II. JESUS MENTORED HIS DISCIPLES:

A. Calling & Teaching:

1. Jesus had multitudes of people who _____ Him, but out of the crowds He chose certain people that He would mentor and _____ for ministry. Lk. 6:13-16
2. Jesus spent time with these twelve individuals and _____ them personally things that He did not share with the multitudes in _____ because the crowds were not ready to receive it. Mk. 4:10,11
3. Jesus also prepared His disciples for the event that would _____ the world, and shared this news to them alone of His death, _____ and resurrection. Mk. 9:30-32

B. Practical Hands-On Experience:

1. After the period of calling and teaching, Jesus moved His disciples from the theory _____ to the reality of hands-on _____ in the field. Lk. 9:1,2
2. Jesus expanded this practical training to _____ more trusted individuals who had been following Him and being _____ by Him. Lk. 10:1-3
3. The results of the hands-on experience brought excitement and _____ to those who had observed their teacher, Jesus, ministering to _____ and now they experienced doing it also. Lk. 10:17-19

III. APOSTLE PAUL:

A. Educated & Mentored:

1. The man Saul of Tarsus who was greatly _____ to the Jesus Christ believers and the message that they preached, was _____ an educated individual who had been mentored by Gamaliel. Acts 22:3
2. Saul was miraculously converted and became a great _____ and preacher of the Gospel, and was a great _____ who evangelized and opened many new churches in Asia.

B. Paul Mentored Others:

1. The Apostle Paul followed the pattern of mentorship and during his travels and _____, he took other young men and _____ them through observation and experience.
2. When reading the Acts and the Epistles that Paul _____, one finds the names of some of those younger men – Timothy, Titus, Silas, Demas and some who are not _____. Titus 1:4
3. Paul instructed those that he had mentored and _____ to in turn do the same to others who would be saved under their ministry and _____. 2 Tim. 2:2

IV. MENTORS:

A. Finding A Mentor:

1. If you are an individual who has a _____ to be involved in ministry and you have had already some training but you feel like you need someone to _____ from in hands on experience, pray for and look for a mentor.
2. When you _____ for a mentor, here are some suggestions:
 - a. Observe spiritual people – the number one desired quality for a mentor is someone who is involved in _____, the Word of God and engaged in some kind of ministry.
 - b. Look for someone who is in the same line of _____ that you feel called to be involved in and who has the qualities that you aspire to.
 - c. Humbly approach the individual and express to them your _____ to learn from them through observation and also if they would have some time to give you to answer questions, etc.
 - d. Understand that mentoring is another phase of your _____ in ministry, and that it will not be a permanent situation, for as you grow and develop, you will move on to _____ and in time be a mentor to someone else.

B. Being A Mentor:

1. Not everyone has the gift of being an effective mentor, but if you are approached by an _____ desiring your advice and input into their life, be open to the leading of the Spirit to _____ them grow.
2. You don't have to put on airs or try to be some super spiritual _____ to be a mentor, just be who God has made you to be and walk humbly before Him, being a good example to the ones who may follow you.
3. Very often, the people that you teach Bible Studies to and win to the Lord, will be the _____ you will end up being a spiritual mentor to. I Cor. 4:15,16

CONCLUSION: You as an individual desiring to be involved in the _____ of God may find yourself having several spiritual _____ throughout your lifetime. Thank God for them and also thank God if He gives you the privilege to be a _____ to someone else.